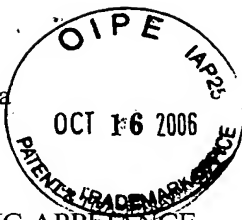


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Serial No.: 10/789,451  
Confirmation No.: 5173  
Filed: February 26, 2004  
For: VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE  
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDL. FEE
x 25=	\$
x 100=	\$
x 180=	\$
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

OR

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDL. FEE
x 50=	\$
x 200=	\$
x 360=	\$
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

OR

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.